

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 3 and 5-21. Claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10 are amended. Claims 1-2 and 4 are herein canceled. Applicants respectfully note that no new material is introduced as a result of the amendments presented herein. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the following remarks.

Allowed Matter

The Official Action indicates that Claims 11-21 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowed material.

Drawing Objections

The drawings are objected to for the reason of "hand drawing." Formal drawings are submitted with this response. Applicants respectfully assert that the newly submitted drawings fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 113.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 5-6 and 8-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of

the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable material, and for the suggestions to overcome the objections. Claims 3 and 5 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 7, 9 and 10 are amended in their dependency.

Applicants respectfully assert that amended Claims 3 and 5-10 overcome the objections of record. In light of such amendments, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Nair et al. (US 6,529,398, "Nair"). Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to Claims 5 and 7, and the cancellation of Claims 1-2 and 4 render this rejection moot. For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 7 overcomes the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

CONCLUSION

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 1 and 5-21. Claims 1 and 5 are amended. Claims 2-4 are herein canceled. Applicants respectfully note that no new material is introduced as a result of the amendments presented herein. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the following remarks.

Applicants have reviewed the following reference that was cited but not relied upon and do not find this references to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US 6,525,969.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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